

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please **CANCEL** claims 8 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **AMEND** claim 1, 2, 9, and 10 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

1. (Presently Amended) A dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth free of a hydrocarbon humectant ~~comprised of~~ comprising:  
  
a peroxide compound from about 1-30% by weight;  
  
water from about 30-60% by weight;  
  
a metal chelating system in an amount ranging from about 0.1% to about 8.0% by weight, wherein the metal chelating system includes a condensed pyrophosphate, an organic phosphate chelating agent, and a metal precipitating agent; and  
  
a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene non-ionic surfactant gelling agent from about 25 to 30% by weight and an inhibitor of catalase from about 0.1 to 2% by weight, of the total composition.
  
2. (Presently Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 1, ~~which includes a mixed metal chelating system comprised of~~:  
  
a) ~~an organic chelating agent~~  
  
b) ~~a condensing phosphate chelating agent, and~~  
  
e) ~~a~~ wherein the metal precipitating agent is a fluoride.

3. (Previously Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 1, which includes a mixed surfactant system comprised of an anionic surfactant and a non-ionic surfactant.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 1 wherein the peroxide containing compound is hydrogen peroxide.
6. (Previously Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 1 wherein the peroxide containing compound is carbamide peroxide.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Presently Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 2 wherein the organic phosphate chelating agent is 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid consisting of about 0.25% to 5% by weight of the composition.
10. (Presently Amended) The tooth bleaching composition according to claim 2 wherein the ~~condensing~~ condensed pyrophosphate chelating agent is sodium pyrophosphate, sodium triphosphate, trisodium phosphate or a combination thereof consisting of about 0.25 to 2% by weight of the composition.

11. (Previously Amended) The tooth bleaching composition according to claim 2 wherein the metal precipitating agent is sodium fluoride consisting of about 0.1 to 1% by weight of the composition.

12. (Previously Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 3 wherein the anionic surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate consisting on about 0.5 to 2.5% by weight of the composition.

13. (Previously Amended) The dentifrice compositions for whitening teeth according to claim 3 wherein the non-ionic surfactant is TWEEN 20 consisting of about 0.5 to 3% by weight of the composition.

14 -19. (Cancelled)